

gress made; but do not give any encouragement as to the book appearing till toward the end of next year.

A RECENT WRITER, who to all appearance knows whereof he speaks, makes bold to affirm that neither Hindus nor Mohammedans minister to the poor from sympathy, or from any spirit of philanthropy, but out of pure selfishness, to gain merit for themselves, to offset their sin and guilt.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.—While the administration of Sir Oliver Mowat is sustained in the election just past, the independent members of the House are largely increased. The development of power on the part of the farmers' organization, "The Patrons of Industry," has been in the nature of a surprise to both political parties. The Patrons are mostly good men, friends of Prohibition and all useful reforms; and their presence in the House—some 16 or 18 of them—will be for the benefit of this, a mainly agricultural Province.

THE COMING CHURCH.—The church of the future is not likely to unite on any external ordinance, either baptism by any given mode, or ordination by any given body. To us it seems that there can be no better basis of union than the independence of the local church, the equality of all its members, the sisterhood of all churches, and the supremacy of the Bible and of conscience. If Christendom can unite upon such terms as these, we need not dispute about the name by which it shall be called.—*Congregationalist*.

GOOD BREEDING.—There are two living examples of good breeding in every home which, consciously or unconsciously, the children follow. If the boys are to be manly let them have for their copy a manly father, whose politeness comes from the heart and who is not ashamed to be punctiliously mindful of small politenesses in the home and out of it. If the girls are to be womanly, sweetness and amiability must be the watchword of the mother. In such a home you will not find churlishness, discourtesy, acrimony and ill-breeding.—*Congregationalist*.

BELSHAZZAR.—The modern "discoverer" of Belshazzar, Mr. Layard, (afterwards known as Sir Austen Henry Layard,) died in July,

aged 80. In 1852 Mr. Layard dug up in "Ur of the Chaldees," an earthen engraved slab, one of a number of such—the official records of the nation—in which it was stated that, "The King, Nabonadius, two years before the city was taken, associated with himself in the government, Bel-Sharezer, his son." This settled half-a-dozen long-standing questions in "Daniel"; and clearly explained the historical reference. And so with every discovery since: all confirm and shed light on the Scriptures.

MAKE A BUSINESS OF IT!—The incident is related that during the late Rebellion, an officer, home on a furlough, was accosted by a clergyman as follows:

"Do you know Corporal —, of Company G, of your regiment?"

"O yes, quite well," was the reply.

"Is he still living religiously?" continued the clergyman.

"Yes, he is still pious," said the officer.

"How can he live piously among so many wicked men?" questioned the clergyman.

"O he just makes a business of living religious, and the boys let him alone," replied the officer.—*Ex*.

DYNAMITE BOMB.—One was thrown in a window of the Montreal *Witness* Printing-office one midnight lately. Some damage was done; but the great Press, which was its object, escaped. As the *Witness* is always a thorn in the side of the whisky men and the gamblers, it does not seem a slander to credit them with the bomb. They have done just such things before. John Dougall, the founder of the *Witness*, once said to the editor of this magazine, "If any public question comes up, which has a *right* side and a *wrong* side to it, we take what we believe to be the right side, let the consequences be what they may!" This sometimes brings the anarchist's bomb, but at the same time it always secures the Great Lawgiver's smile!

For the sake of parents whose children of eight or ten years of age are possessed of a hobby from which it is not easy to divert them, I quote here the testimony of a wise mother, who has raised a family of eight children, most of them sons, and seen them through their school days into their several life-occupations, that in every instance, as she